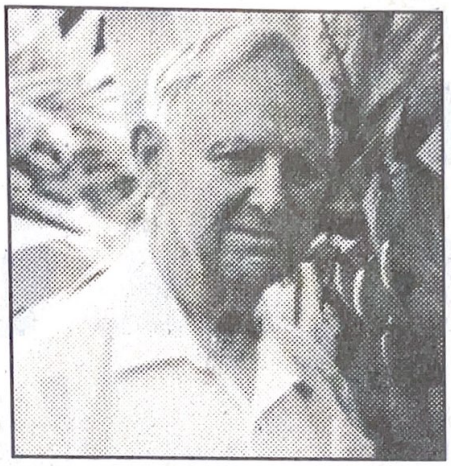
There are few names which, when spoken in Camas, inspire such respect, admiration and awe as that of Dalton Lacey Shinn. To many, 90 years would seem a goodly enough number of years to spend on this planet, but when he passed away Saturday, Dalton left those who loved him wishing he had been blessed with a hundred more.

Dalton Lacey Shinn was born Feb. 7, 1909, in Eugene, Ore., to Frederick LaFayette Shinn and Elnora Gladys Lacey. He worked as a research chemist for Crown Zellerbach Corp. paper mill in Camas until his retirement in 1970. In his final days there he achieved the title research associate. He consulted on paper machine maintenance along with numerous other duties.

Shinn was an accomplished pilot. He assisted in building his first plane during the 1920s while a senior at the University of Oregon. He was issued License No. 23 in Oregon in 1931, and later had one of the first planes berthed at Grove Field north of Camas.



He enjoyed watch repair since his teenage years, and was greatly interested and knowledgeable about mechanics, radio, television, physics electronics, and plumbing — he was a regular Mr. Fixit for his wife and friends.

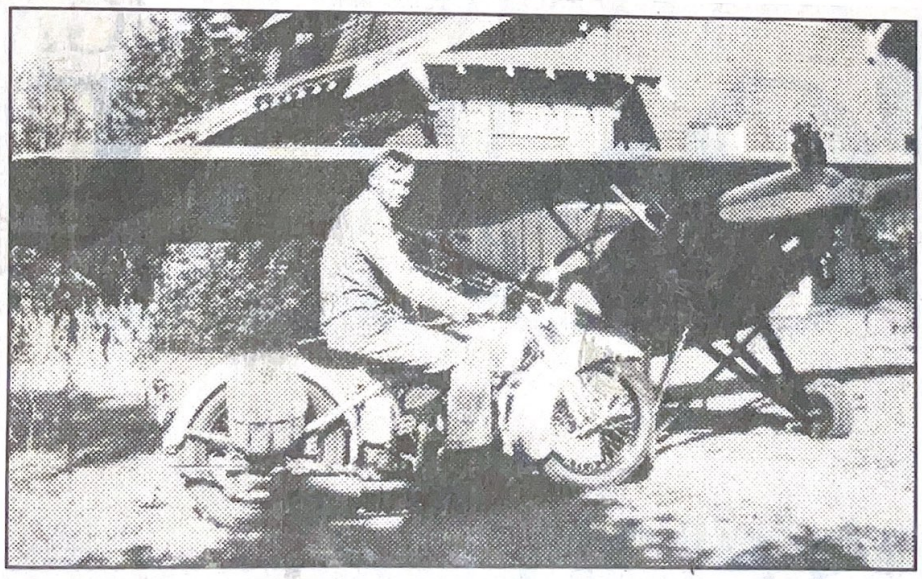
Sixty-five years ago on June 30, 1934, in Racine, Wis., he married Winifred "Winnie" Enos, whom he met at the University of Wisconsin/Madison where he was a doctoral candidate in chemistry. He had attained a degree from the University of Oregon in 1931, where his father was a professor of chemistry.

Following their June wedding the newlyweds traveled cross-country on a Harley motorcycle with a sidecar (named Ophelia Bumps) to his parents' home in Eugene. It was a trip which he fondly remembered for the rest of his days.

After enjoying Oregon's natural beauty throughout the summer of 1934, the Shinns returned to Madison for their last year at the university. Dalton was awarded his Ph.D. in the spring of 1935. The couple again jumped aboard their Harley, this time bound for their permanent home, Camas, Wash. They lived in the same house for nearly 60 years.

Dalton enjoyed teaching ham radio to people in the community education program. His contacts as a ham reached many foreign countries, including the Vatican, which has its own station.

"Always pleasant and humorous, Dalton has been easy to live with," his wife said.



Dalton Shinn, 90, died Saturday morning. He is remembered for his many interests, including flying. He built his own airplane while in college and received pilot's license No. 23 from Oregon in 1931. *Photos courtesy of Winnie Shinn.*

Dalton Shinn is survived by his wife, Winnie, of Camas; son, Robert Shinn of Camas; daughter, Suzann Barnes of Portland; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Chester and Zaidie Schaeser, of Centralia, Wash. and their family; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Howard, in 1963 at age 15.

Memorials may be sent to the charity of one's choice. No funeral will be held.